AN 8.5 — Worldly Conditions (1st)

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Text

Numbered Discourses 8.5

1. Love

Worldly Conditions (1st)

“Mendicants, the eight worldly conditions revolve around the world, and the world revolves around the eight worldly conditions. What eight? Gain and loss, fame and disgrace, blame and praise, pleasure and pain. These eight worldly conditions revolve around the world, and the world revolves around these eight worldly conditions.

Gain and loss, fame and disgrace,

blame and praise, and pleasure and pain.

These qualities among mankind are impermanent,

transient, and perishable.

An intelligent and mindful person knows these things,

seeing that they’re perishable.

Desirable things don’t disturb their mind,

nor are they repelled by the undesirable.

Both favoring and opposing

are cleared and disappeared, they are no more.

Knowing the stainless, sorrowless state,

they who have gone beyond rebirth understand rightly.”